

TAFT MAKES CROWD LAUGH IN RIGGS TRIAL

Defense Springs Surprise by
Calling Former President as
Character Witness.

JUSTICE MCCOY ON STAND

Lawyers in Lively Tilt Over Ex-
amination of Jurist as to
Bank's Affidavit.

Appearance of former President
William Howard Taft as a charac-
ter witness for Charles C. Glover,
one of the defendants, and clashes
between counsel over questions
put to Associate Justice McCoy, of
the District Supreme Court, placed
on the stand as a witness for the
Government, furnished the thrills
for the crowd which attended the
Riggs perjury trial today.

Calling of the former President
and of the associate justice, who
presided at the trial of the equity
suit out of which the perjury
charges grew, were the first sensa-
tions sprung since the beginning of
the trial, most of the time up to
today having been taken up by the
reading of voluminous documents
relating to the chancery proceed-
ings.

MAKES CROWD LAUGH.

Former President Taft took the stand
immediately after court convened,
answering questions put to him by
John B. Stanchfield, chief counsel for
the defense, in his characteristic,
good-humored way. He kept the court
room near an uproar during the entire
time he was being questioned.

How as president of the United
States he took \$1,000 which he had ac-
cumulated, and another \$1,000 which he
borrowed, and invested in a piece of
property in the Mt. Pleasant section,
and how the transaction had not yet
shown success, was one of the human
touches of the former Chief Executive's
testimony.

He went back to the days when
George W. Riggs, of the old firm of
Riggs & Co., which subsequently be-
came Riggs National Bank, went to
school at Yale with his father. He told
of how he renewed the acquaintances
made by his father at school, and said
he had known Mr. Glover for years.

Justice McCoy Appears.

Hardly had the former President left
the court room when Associate Justice
McCoy took a seat near the jury box.
Attorneys for the defense were arguing
against the introduction by the Govern-
ment of an exhibit of bills purporting
to be a check of the defendant, brok-
en.

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Judge Westcott To Nominate Wilson

Mix-Up Over Convention Speech
Straightened Out in White
House Call.

The mix-up over who shall make the
speech nominating President Wilson
at the St. Louis convention appears to
have been straightened out.

Judge John W. Westcott, attorney
general of New Jersey, who nominated
Mr. Wilson at Baltimore in 1912, will
repeat the performance next month.

Governor Fielder, of New Jersey, who
thought that he was to make it, will not
it happened this way:

President Wilson, without consulting
any of the Jersey leaders, wrote Judge
Westcott, asking him to do the honors.
Judge Westcott accepted.

The Jersey delegates to the conven-
tion, without consulting the President,
met and decided to have Governor
Fielder make the speech. Governor
Fielder accepted.

Then it was discovered that there was
an embarrassing situation.

Judge Westcott called on the Presi-
dent today. He developed afterward
that Governor Fielder was willing to
withdraw if the Jersey delegates would
recede their action. This the dele-
gates will do.

Judge Westcott, incidentally, is a can-
didate for the Jersey nomination for
Governor at the next election.

At a conference today, the President,
it is said, is neutral.

Rebuilt Wreck Sells For Heavy Increase

MOBILE, Ala., May 15.—The three-
masted schooner Oscar G., 290 tons, was
sold today for \$21,000. Five months ago
it was sold, dismantled wreck, for
\$2,750. Thompson & Anderson, ship men
of Mobile and Galveston, rebuilt the
boat for the European trade.

Railroad Men Wanted: Washington
and Old Dominion railway have perma-
nent employment for reliable men ex-
perienced in single track service, both
electric and steam operation. Apply
505 M street northwest.—Adv.

Americans in Danger At Tampico, Warships Ready to Save Them

Mexican Populace at Port Encouraged by Carranza
General and U. S. Citizens Are in Grave Peril,
Official Reports to State Department Say.

Grave apprehension among Americans at Tampico, Mexico, is re-
ported in official reports to the State Department today.

Encouraged by General Nafarette, the Carranza commander in
that district, the Mexican populace, the reports state, is growing more
and more hostile toward Americans.

The Navy Department has been advised of the situation, and will
instruct the commanders of the gunboats Marietta and Machias to hold
themselves in readiness to render assistance.

Admiral Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet, advised the Navy
Department today that the authorities at Acapulco, on the west coast,
have heeded the demands of the commander of the U. S. S. Denver for
the release of three Americans and one Chilean, members of the crew
of an American schooner which burned off that port.

MEN WERE PUT IN JAIL.

On the pretense that the crew had
set fire to the ship, the authorities at
Acapulco put them in jail when they
reached shore. Two of the three Amer-
icans are Frank Horn and George
Laviolette, both of Oakland, Cal.

The interest of the Administration in
the plight of the men was aroused by
Senator Phelan of California.

Responses to the renewed warning for
Americans to leave Mexico began reach-
ing Washington today. The message
showed that all but one of forty-eight
Americans in the San Luis Potosi dis-
trict had left.

The Americans at Guadalajara had
been unable to leave, but as trains are
now running between that point and Man-
zanillo, they will be able to take steamers
from California, Texas and New York.
Information helpful to the Adminis-
tration in guiding its future course
toward Mexico, was presented today to
Secretary of War Baker by Chief of
Staff Scott.

General Scott had a short conference
with the Secretary today. He left some
data with reference to his conferences
with General Obregon, and then went
to his home at Fort Myer to rest.

Secretary Baker said General Scott
will not take up the Mexican situation
until tomorrow.

"General Scott appeared to be in a
very hopeful frame of mind," Secretary

ORPET TRIAL HELD UP BY TARDY JUDGE TELEGRAPHERS ARE GIVEN JOBS BACK

Crowds Gather to Hear Case of
Student Charged With Poi-
soning Sweetheart.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 15.—The
wheels of Lake county justice turned
slowly today in the mystery of Helms
woods, where pretty Marian Lambert,
high school girl, met her death, and
for whose murder William H. Orpet,
Wisconsin University junior, is to go
to trial.

While visitors, reporters, and pho-
tographers hurried to Waukegan for the
beginning of the trial, Judge Charles
H. Donnelly, of Woodstock, Ill., the
presiding judge, delayed his arrival, and
the actual start of the trial was post-
poned until this afternoon.

Facing nervously in his cell at the
Lake county jail, Orpet, a youth of
twenty-one, was piqued at the delay.

Automobiles, bicycles and bicycles
sped into Waukegan from Lake Forest,
where Marian Lambert and the youth
charged with her murder lived. The
Lake Forest High School roll call
found several students, friends of
Marian, missing this morning.

Task To Select Jury.

Leslie P. Hanna, one of Orpet's coun-
sel, intimated today that the selection
of a jury would be a tedious procedure.
The defense feared that a predominance
of men from the neighborhood of the
crime.

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Germany Won't Pay Dresden Men's Keep

Tells Chile Crew of Sunken
Cruiser Illegally Interned
After Battle.

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 15.—The Ger-
man government, in a formal communi-
cation presented to the foreign office
today, refused to pay Chile the ex-
penses of the crew of the German
cruiser Dresden, interned by Chile, fol-
lowing the engagement off Juan Fer-
nandes island several months ago, in
which the Dresden was sunk by British
warships.

Germany alleges that the crew of
the Dresden are not interned under the
definition of international law because
the Dresden was sunk within the terri-
torial limits of Chile and in violation
of Chilean neutrality.

She holds that the German sailors
are entitled to the same treatment as
if they had been shipwrecked on the
Chilean coast.

Cross-Country Flight Off; Machine Not Ready

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—The cross-
country flight of Oscar Bridgley and
A. J. Macy, scheduled to begin today
in an airplane fitted with Macy's
stabilizer, was postponed indefinitely
because the machine was not ready.

CHAPTER REVOKED BECAUSE STRIKERS BROKE AGREEMENT

Old Dominion Employees Auto-
matically Lose Membership
in Union.

NO CARS ARE RUN TODAY

Plan Jitney Lines for Territory
Without Means of Transpor-
tation.

Rezin Orr, international treasurer
of the Amalgamated Association,
Street and Electric Railway Employees
of America, today announced that the
chapter of local union embracing the
striking employees on the Washing-
ton and Old Dominion railway, has
automatically been revoked.

Mr. Orr said: "When the employees
refused to go to work on Saturday,
in accord with the order of W. D.
Mahon, international president of the
association, they automatically severed
themselves from the association. I
have communicated the facts to Mr.
Mahon, and in his office, by now, is
an official record of the revocation."

Mr. Orr declined to discuss upon what
arrangement the charter may be re-
voked.

Members of the executive board of
local No. 68, in which the more than
20 striking employees are enrolled, deny
that their charter has been revoked.
They say they have received no notice
of such action.

W. T. Hammer, members of the
striking executive board, today said:
"Our charter is not revoked, though it
may be suspended. That is the most
the association could do until the con-
vention takes action on our case."

Without Cars Today.

Not a wheel turned on the fifteen
miles of the Great Falls line or the
fifty-two miles of single track of the
Bluemont line today.

At 6 o'clock the strikers intend putting
into operation a jitney line from Thirty-
sixth and M streets to Cherrydale, and
another line from the same point by a
different route to McLean, Va. They
negotiated today for automobiles, and
they will leave for the city at 7 o'clock
and operate, they announced.

The running of the line will be directed
by members of the executive committee
of local No. 68.

No efforts toward an agreement were
made today.

Col. H. H. Livingston, president of the
Washington and Old Dominion, today
said:

"We have posted notices as to what
we will do for the men. They are pos-
itively our last word. No negotiations
with them are on and none are con-
templated."

The notice referred to is that of Sat-
urday, which stated that the company
would "consider" applications of men,
individually, who wished to go back to
work.

In explanation of the action of the
association in revoking the charter, Mr.
Orr today said:

Live Up To Contract.

"We are going to live up to our con-
tracts with street railway companies.
This is the second case in our existence
where a company has failed to do so. The other
instance occurred when the men of the New
York Elevated, in 1903, failed to live up to an
agreement, and their charter was re-
voked."

The strikers today had printed a state-
ment headed "To the Public," which
read:

"For the benefit of those not acquaint-
ed with the conditions under which the
present strike was called, we set forth
the following facts: Every member
of this organization answered the roll
call, and they voted to stand solid."

At the meeting, Mr. Sherzer said,
"Insurance was received of support from
local 68, comprising employees of other
street railway lines, of their assurance
of support."

Crandall Mackey, Commonwealth at-
torney of Alexandria county, Va., as-
sured the strikers of his aid in any
legal assistance they might need.

Funston Believes Fort Bliss Fires Set

Preliminary Reports To General
Indicate Blazes Were of
Incendiary Origin.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 15.—The
two fires which started at widely sepa-
rated points on the Fort Bliss mili-
tary reservation, at El Paso Saturday
night and did considerable damage,
were probably of incendiary origin,
Major General Funston announced to-
day after receiving official reports.
Funston appeared disturbed.

The fires started more than an hour
apart and destroyed three stables and
a storehouse. Tents and several machine
guns were lost in the storehouse fire,
and in the other four horses were
burned. General Bell reported, civilians
aided the soldiers in fighting the fires.

Confirmation of Rublee Seems Assured Today

Confirmation of Federal Trade
Commissioner Rublee appears certain today
as the Senate went into special execu-
tive session to consider his name. Sena-
tor Hollis of New Hampshire his chief
backer, said a poll he had taken as-
sured an easy majority, while Senator
Gallinger, his chief opponent, gave out
a statement prefiguring defeat for his
own efforts.

Senator Hollis would not give the ex-
act figures of his poll, but said at least
eight Republicans would join most of
the Democrats in voting for confirma-
tion.

RIVER GIVES UP BODY TO CRUSH BRITAIN TO CRUSH BRITAIN BARED AT TRIAL

Sergeant Young Reports It Re-
covered at Point Below
Fort Hunt.

IS NOT YET IDENTIFIED

Sent to Alexandria, Where Prep-
aration for Burial Will Be
Made.

A telephone message was received
at Police Headquarters this afternoon
from Sergeant Young, of the engineer
corps, stationed at Point Hunt, Va., that
the body of one of the men drowned
last Thursday when the giant Curtiss
hydro-aeroplane dropped into the Po-
tomac, had been recovered.

Sergeant Young said the body, which
was pulled up on the wharf at Belvoir,
a short distance below Fort Hunt, had
not been identified.

Officers and men at the fort, it was
stated, were convinced the body was
that of Louis Cranta, veteran
Curtiss mechanic, or Charles Good,
student aviator, who were drowned.

The body will be taken to Alexan-
dria this afternoon and prepared for
burial.

The message did not state how the
body was recovered. Sergeant Young
said, however, that at the request of
the Washington police, men at the
fort had investigated a report that
the Washington Boosters, who came
from the Potomac, had seen a body float-
ing off Bryans Point. This object, the
sergeant stated, proved to be a log.
But, where the body was recovered
this afternoon, is several miles
below Bryans Point.

Four Men Killed In Powder Blast

Explosion at Gibbetown Plant
Rocks Towns Along the
Delaware River.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 15.—Four
men were killed in an explosion at the Re-
pauco Chemical Plant of the du Pont
powder company at Gibbetown, near
Philadelphia, today, according to an of-
ficial statement from the Dupont com-
pany.

A report from Woodbury, N. J.,
stated that the nitrate benzene plant
was destroyed, and that thirty were
injured.

The explosion rocked the lower sec-
tion of Philadelphia, and telephone
messages reported that it was felt dis-
tinctly along the Jersey shore of the
Delaware river from Gloucester north-
ward and southward for several miles.
Telephone inquiries up to 1 o'clock
with du Pont officials at Wilmington,
Del., were futile. They stated they
knew an explosion occurred, but that a
report of the damage or casualties, if
any, had not been made by the Bibb-
town officials.

Pomerene Reports On Delegate Bill

Announces Favorable Action on
Measure For District
Representation.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio made a
favorable report today from the Sen-
ate District Committee on the bill for
a delegate from the District of Colum-
bia in the House of Representatives.
Senator Pomerene was authorized to
make the report some days ago. This
action was taken after hearings in
which the bill was discussed.

Senator Pomerene in his report set
forth reasons why the District should
have representation. The bill went to
the calendar, and will be called up
whenever a favorable opportunity is
presented.

SING SING INMATES TO SEE "JUSTICE"

NEW YORK, May 15.—"Justice," John
Galloway's prison play, with John
Barrymore, O. F. Heggie, and the entire
cast, will be presented in Sing Sing
prison chapel either a week or two
weeks from yesterday. The suggestion
came from Miss Madeline Z. Doty and
the heads of the Mutual Welfare
League, and has the approval of War-
den Kirchwey. The scenery for the pro-
duction will be made by the prisoners.
Several weeks ago the "justice" com-
pany paid a visit to Sing Sing and met
many of the inmates. At a luncheon
afterward a prison production was sug-
gested, but because of the limitations of
the chapel platform the performance
seemed impossible.

Skilled carpenters, members of the
Mutual Welfare League, then came for-
ward with the offer to construct the
scenery for every set but the cell scene.
Two performances will be given, one
at 10 a. m. and one at 2 p. m., as the
chapel only holds one-half the number
of inmates. The expense of transporting
the company and building the cell scene
will be borne by Mr. Barrymore.

Judge I. G. Kimball Is Called by Death

Judge Ivory G. Kimball, for nineteen
years on the Police Court bench, died
shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon.
He had been ill for some time, and
since Saturday had been in a state of
coma.

Several years ago Judge Kimball had
been engaged in the shoe business in F
street northwest.

He was a veteran of the civil war
and was prominent in G. A. R. circles.

CASEMENT PLOT TO CRUSH BRITAIN BARED AT TRIAL



SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

RUSSIANS THREATEN TO CUT OFF TURKS

Developing Swift Offensive
Movement, Grand Duke's
Army Crosses Border.

PETROGRAD, May 15.—Developing a
swift offensive movement in the ex-
treme south, the Russians have crossed
the Persian frontier southwest of Lake
Urmiah, and are now within eighty
miles of the main line of communica-
tion of the Turkish army south of
Bagdad.

The Slavs have reached the region
of Rowanduz, several miles inside the
Turkish frontier. They are marching
westward toward the ruins of ancient
Nineveh and the Mesopotamian city of
Mosul. Unless speedily checked by the
Turks within a fortnight they will be
threatening to cut off the Turkish
forces holding back the British at Kut-
el-Amara.

No developments of the grand duke's
successful offensive in the Caucasus
has brought such surprise as the news
of the appearance of another Russian
army near the Turks' line of commu-
nication.

For several weeks the official com-
munications have been almost entirely
silent on the progress of the Russian
force operating in the Lake Urmiah
district of Persia. When the curtain
of secrecy was lifted, the Russian army
was disclosed well across the Turkish
frontier and moving westward appar-
ently with great rapidity.

That the grand duke has outwitted
the Turks and their German tutors is
the belief here. Following the victories
at Erzerum and Trebizond, the Russians
pushed on in the direction of Erzingan
and Diarbakir, as if to cut off the Tur-
kish Bagdad armies by a drive through
the latter city.

The Turks moved re-enforcements
eastward from Constantinople and
strengthened their lines on the Erzan-
gan-Bitlis front to meet the expected
attack. Meanwhile the Russians left
wing extended Mesopotamia at a point 200
miles southeast of the region in which
the main Turkish force was concen-
trated.

French Retake First Line From Germans

PARIS, May 15.—French troops drove
the enemy from a first line trench near
Vermandevillers, south of the Somme,
said an official statement today.

Around Verdun heavy bombardment
in the region of Avocourt wood con-
stituted practically the only activity.
In the Champagne region, the French
cleaned out a German work west of
Mont Tets, taking some prisoners.

Berlin Reports British Fail to Retake Positions

BERLIN, May 15.—"British troops
made unsuccessful attempts to recon-
quer positions taken by the Germans
near Hulloch," said this afternoon's
statement from the war office. "These
attacks either broke down in artillery
fire or were repulsed in hand-to-hand
fighting."

"French attacks in the Meuse district,
on the west slope north of Dead Man's
hill, and near Callette forest were
easily repulsed. Artillery and patrols
have been active on many sections of
the western front."

Christians in Persia in Danger of Massacre

Danger of massacre of Christians in
Syria has been privately reported to the
State Department, it was learned today.
These advances indicated the expected
murders might surprise in horror, many
of the Armenian massacre of the past.
The Maronites, a large French-Catho-
lic group, are reported to be in par-
ticular danger.

IRISH REBEL PLANNED TO INVADE ISLANDS, CROWN CHARGES

Attorney General Tells of Titled
Prisoner's Attempts to Se-
duce Captured Soldiers.

SPECTATORS PACK COURT

Sir Roger Accused Jointly of
High Treason With Fellow-
Countryman, Bailey.

LONDON, May 15.—Sir Roger
Casement plotted to lead a Ger-
man invasion of the British Isles
as well as to aid the Sinn Fein revolu-
tionists, Attorney General Sir
F. E. Smith declared today when the
titled Irishman was arraigned in the
Bow street police court on the
charge of high treason.

Attorney General Smith also
told of Sir Roger's activities in
Germany, in trying to persuade
Irish prisoners to join the German
army.

All of the early testimony re-
lated to this latter charge, men who
had been German prisoners telling
how the former favorite of the
British consular service had sought
to influence them.

ENTERS SMILING.

Sir Roger came into the court room
smiling and nodding to men who knew
him before he was knighted. His face
was covered with a greenish-gray
beard that gave his best smiles a
ghastly look.

He wore a pair of shoes requisitioned
from the British army stock. It was
noticeable that the strings had been
removed from both his shoes and those
of his fellow prisoner, Daniel Bailey,
a soldier arrested in Ireland on April
21, also charged with treason.

This precaution had been taken by
the authorities at the Tower to keep
the men from committing suicide by
hanging.

Bow street was packed. It was the
first high treason trial held in the old
courtroom since Arthur Lynch was ar-
raigned as an aftermath of the Boer
war.

The women, who arrived at 1 a. m.,
were the first in line at Bow Street, but
by 6 o'clock a large crowd had assem-
bled in the adjoining courtrooms. The
women who arrived before dawn with coffee.

Courtroom Packed.

Legal dignitaries, old friends of Sir
Roger, and newspaper men filed the
diminutive courtroom and jammed
down the prisoner that he could scarcely
move. The seat assigned the
United Press, for instance, was within
three feet of Sir Roger.

Sir Roger was brought to court from
the Tower in a taxicab, closely guarded,
and was in the courtroom before many
persons knew of his arrival.

Sir Roger was calm when Attorney
General Sir F. E. Smith began read-
ing the formal charges against him and
reviewing his life history. His eyes
roved about the room, resting at in-
tervals upon the presiding magistrate
and then turning upon the spectators.
In his opening statement, Attorney
General Smith declared the crown would
prove that Sir Roger plotted not only
the Irish rebellion, but planned to land
expeditions in Ireland and several other
places on the British coast. Several
exchanged English prisoners will testify
to this effect, he said.

As the attorney general proceeded, the
prisoner became indignant in his chair.
When Smith referred to the fact that
he had been knighted because of his
service to the British government,
Sir Roger hung his head.

Outlines Capture.

The attorney general outlined in a
brief way Casement's arrival on the
Irish coast with a German submarine
and auxiliary, his landing and capture.
Then he reverted to the prisoners ac-
tivities in Germany, mentioning particu-
larly his visit to prison camps where he
endeavored to wear imprisoned Irish
soldiers away from the allies.

Casement smiled at this reference and
wrote on a pad on which he had been
taking notes.

"They did so at their own request,"
Smith said that the vast majority of
the Irish prisoners in Germany treated
Casement's overtures with contempt.
"As a result," added the attorney
general, "they were punished and the
quantity of rations allotted them each
day was reduced."

"A few, unfortunately, were seduced.
Among these was the soldier, Daniel
Bailey, who occupies the prisoner's dock
with Casement today."

The German auxiliary, sunk off the
Irish coast at the time Sir Roger Casement
landed, carried 20,000 rifles, a mil-
lion rounds of ammunition, ten machine
guns and many bombs destined for the